



Marylebone Birdwatching Society

MINUTES

Of the 32nd Annual General Meeting held on Friday 17 January 2014

1. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

30 members attended, including Committee members. Apologies were received from Meg Game, John Hunt, Steve Ripley and Lynette Small. .

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST AGM

The minutes were read and confirmed as a true record on a motion proposed by Barbara Luke, seconded by Valerie Dunn.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

- (i) Indoor meetings: members expressed no reservations about the change from the 2nd to the 3rd Friday in the month, which would therefore be continued in order to avoid clashing with Central London meetings. The Committee undertook to give further consideration to the dates of local outings in relation to indoor meetings.
- (ii) Coach outings: more participants were needed; members were asked to recruit others and for suggestions for further publicity.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR 2012 - 2013

The Chairman's report was read and adopted on a motion proposed by Alanna Wilson, seconded by Jo Campbell. The text of the report would be made available on the Society's website.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer circulated a statement of income and expenditure for the year ended 30 June 2013. This showed that overall the Society remained in a sound position with assets of £5,896. This included the capital value of the new projector, the costs of which were to be spread over three years' accounts. There was a surplus of income over expenditure for the year of £574 including £162 set aside but not needed to compensate members for a missed coach trip. Membership and coach booking income had both increased. The Dreda Farrell memorial fund now stood at about £700, ensuring the continuance of lectures for some years to come.

The Report was noted and approved.

6. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE

On a motion proposed by Jo Campbell, seconded by Alanna Wilson, the following were elected or re-elected to the Committee:

Malcolm Wroe	Chairman
Nick Moore	Secretary
Meg Game	Assistant Secretary
Jo Campbell	Minutes Secretary
Judy Powell	Treasurer
Marion Hill	Publicity
Gaye Henson	Indoor Meetings Organiser And Heath Consultative Committee Representative.
Jean Clarke	Catering
Lynette Small	Local Outings Co-ordinator
Andrew Peel	Coach Outings Co-ordinator
David & Susannah Davidson	Coach Bookings at meetings
Helen McCulloch	Membership Secretary
Vacant	Weekend Trips Organiser

7. ELECTION OF AUDITOR

Richard Campbell was re-elected on a motion proposed by Jo Campbell, seconded by Theresa Roman.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(i) Members were reminded that a volunteer was needed to organise weekend trips.

(ii) Volunteers were also needed to lead local outings. Barbara Luke volunteered to lead the March outing.

(iii) Various strongly-held views were expressed on the project to build new dams on the Heath, to avoid a risk of flooding in Kentish Town. It was pointed out under existing legislation Central government could intervene to build the dams if the City Corporation did not do so. In the circumstances a project under City management with the advice of the Heath Consultative Committee seemed to offer the best prospect of a sensitive approach to wildlife issues. The Society's representative would ensure that its views and concerns were made known to the Committee.

(iv) Concern was expressed about English Heritage's proposal to fell a number of mature trees at Kenwood in order to restore the original views from the dairy. It was agreed that the Chairman should write officially to record the Society's objections. Individuals too should register their comments; a consultative meeting would take place at Kenwood at 5.30pm on Tuesday 21 January.

(v) The Society recorded its thanks to Alanna Wilson and Alix Mullineaux for their services as, respectively, Membership Secretary and Heath Consultative Committee Representative.

(vi) Barbara Luke was presented with a painting by Mike Langman in grateful acknowledgement of her long service to the Society in wide range of capacities, most recently as the organiser of the greatly-enjoyed weekend trips.

(vii) Val Dunn proposed a vote of thanks to the committee.